

REMARKS

The Election of Species Requirement presented in the Office Action has been noted.

It is also noted that the present application contains two claims numbered "5". It is therefore requested that the Examiner renumber the claims, starting with the second claim bearing the number "5" so that, starting with that claim, the claims will be numbered 6-15.

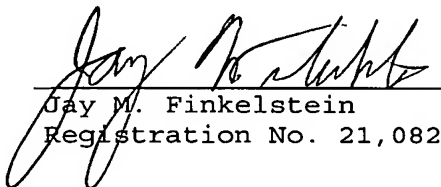
In response to the Election of Species Requirement, applicant hereby provisionally selects Group III, on which claims 1, 2, 5 and 7-15 (renumbered) are readable.

It is noted that claims 1, 2 and 7-15 (renumbered) are included in all of the identified Groups and it is therefore understood that those claims are considered to be generic. It is understood that if a generic claim is eventually allowed, the Election Requirement will be withdrawn and all pending claims will be permitted to remain in the application.

In action on the merits of the elected claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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